6. The Bank should not delay the process of selection and posting of Assistant Managers; and

7. The Bank should redeploy the staff to needy pockets speedily.

(c) The Bank has since been advised to take suitable action on various demands as per extent guidelines.

[English]

Excise Duty Evasion by Small Scale Industries

3594. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Tax haven under North Block's shadow" appearing in the Economic Times dated August, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the number of cases of excise duty evasion detected during the last three years in the NCR, Delhi and approximate amount of excise duty evaded thereby; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that manufacturers do not evade the excise duty so blatantly?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is a fact that manufacturers of copper ingot and wires located at Saboli Village, Delhi have been found to indulge in evasion of Central Excise duties. 75 metric tonnes of stainless steel ingots were also seized by Central Excise officials for clandestine clearance by a unit at Rajasthan Udyog Nagar, Delhi. Central Excise Duty evasion detected in NCR, Delhi during the last three years are as follows :—

Year	No. of cases	Amount involved (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	594	3457.27
1994-95	583	7333.46
1995-96	396	2224.86

(c) As seen from the news item itself the Anti-evasion activities such as gathering of intelligence, surprise checks of production, transit checks, surveillance, etc., have been intensified to check evasion of Central Excise duty.

Made in India Show

3595. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a four days 'Made in India' show was organised in Nairobi (Kenya) recently; and

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on the show and the business generated during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir. A four days' 'Made in India' Show was organised during 15—18th August, 1996 in Nairobi (Kenya) by the Confederation of Indian Industry.

(b) As reported by CII, the estimated expenditure on this show was Rs. 1,21,40,000/-. It has generated business enquiries worth US $ 35 million.

Investment in Public Undertakings

3596. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total investment made in Central Public Sector Undertakings during the last three years; and

(b) the details thereof, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Total investment in terms of gross bloc in Central Public Sector Undertakings as on 31.3.1993, 31.3.1994 and 31.3.1995 was Rs. 174837.04 crores, Rs. 198901.86 crores and Rs. 227348.77 crores respectively. Statewise detail of gross block for three years' period is given in Table 1.27 of Chapter-I of Volume-I of P.E. Survey, 1993-94 and 1994-95 laid in the Parliament on 22.3.1995 and 19.7.1996 respectively.

Check-off Facility in Regional Rural Banks

3597. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have extended the benefits of check-off facilities, transit leave on transfer, promotion from scale I to scale II officer and creation of supervisory cell at Head Office, in the Regional Rural Banks;

(b) if so, the reasons as to why such facilities have not yet been extend in Pithoragarh Gramin Bank of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the remedial action taken or proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The Government have issued instructions governing the grant of check-off facility to the registered trade unions in the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). Further, Government have issued instructions to